



HAWAII AT AVILA

For the past several weeks, it has been virtually impossible for anyone to go anywhere on the Avila campus without some sort of encounter with "Essence of Hawaii." If you have somehow managed to escape all or even part of the goings-on, then you especially ought to read this article and quickly, lest you be found out and brought to public shame.

On the night of Tuesday, February 21, Avila sponsored the first Kansas City benefit premiere of "Hawaii." Based on the best-selling novel by James A. Michener, "Hawaii" tells the story of one man's struggle during the settlement of our fiftieth state in the nineteenth century.

According to many (not all) who attended the showing, and despite the rather negative review given the movie by Kansas City Star motion picture editor Giles Fowler, the evening was an undisputed success. Mr. Haning, who handled ticket sales through the bookstore, said that he believed the turnout was even greater than that at the premiere of "Doctor Zhivago" last year.

Since part of the proceeds from the benefit were to go to Avila, "Hawaii" received copious and excellent publicity on campus. Colorful posters began to appear even before the date for the showing was selected; and Jocelyn La Garde, who portrayed the tremendous Queen Malama, visited with the Avila students and faculty.

On Monday, February 13, a student panel presented some of the less commonly known but interesting aspects concerning the settlement of Hawaii. Led by senior history major Linda Davin, the panel consisted also of Pat Bleier '70, Sue Murray '70, and Linda Taylor '69.

During the panel presentation, judges of the contest for "most original lei" deliberated behind closed doors to choose a winner. The prize was split between Sister Aurelia, treasurer, who fashioned a lei of money wrappers (unfortunately empty) and Mary Rita Davis whose creation was a beautiful lei of crepe paper lilies.

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Speakers On Campus

Thursday, February 23, Avila had the privilege of a visit by Dr. Martin Niemoller, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Niemoller, who was imprisoned from 1937 to 1945 in Sachsenhausen and Dachau by the Nazis, has long been an important church spokesman in the area of international relations. He recently returned from a visit to Hanoi and several Red Chinese cities, including Peking, during which he met with both political and religious leaders. At one point during his week-long visit to Kansas City, Dr. Niemoller stated that he believes that "either the U. S. will leave Vietnam within the next ten years or it will stay until the last Vietnamese is killed." He also voiced strong doubts about the reports of Chinese upheaval that reach the U. S. On the basis of his own experiences in China, Dr. Niemoller felt that the reports were much exaggerated. While he was there he saw no rioting or even demonstrations in which the marchers carried anything more than books of the writings of Mao Tse Tung.

In his address to the student body entitled "The Gospel and Conventional Christianity," Dr. Niemoller placed great emphasis on Christ's commandment of love. To love God above all and our neighbor is essential to being Christian. But to add to love of neighbor the words "as yourself" is stretching Christ's message, according to Dr. Niemoller.

Dr. Niemoller's visit to Kansas City was sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, the Council of Churches of Kansas City, and the Country Club Christian Church. His lecture at Avila was under the auspices of Ecumenical Day.

Two Avila alumnae were on campus Monday, February 20, to present a panel on journalism.

Mrs. Pat Jansen Doyle, Education Editor of the Kansas City Star, spoke on "The New Front Page." According to Mrs. Doyle there has been a definite change of emphasis in front page reporting over the past several years. Local news no longer covers the front page but has been replaced by world and, secondarily, national news. Because of the complicated material to be presented in all areas, the newspaper reporter has become a specialist. He must be a scholar and observer as well as a writer capable of interpreting complex material in such a way that the layman who reads the newspaper will be able to understand it.

In speaking of the newspaper as the "mirror of the community" Mrs. Doyle led directly into the second part of the panel presented by Geraldine Carrigan. "The Medium Becomes the Message" was the topic of Miss Carrigan's talk which placed attention on the role of the press, especially the Catholic press, in today's world. Communications is a major industry and a major problem today. The role of the press is changing as much as the front page emphasis. In this period of Church renewal, Miss Carrigan sees the role of the Catholic press as changing also and taking on a four-fold responsibility to 1) report, 2) comment, 3) provide forum and 4) dialogue to the Catholic community. Miss Carrigan is news editor of The New People, the diocesan newspaper.

In relating their ideas Mrs. Doyle and Miss Carrigan often referred to personal experiences providing an insight into some of the experiences that can be expected of a career in journalism.

Wednesday, March 15, and Thursday, March 16, Michael and Karen Novak will present a series of lectures at Avila. Mr. Novak teaches philosophy and theology at Stanford University and is a nationally acclaimed writer. Among his books are A NEW GENERATION: THE OPEN CHURCH and BELIEF AND UNBELIEF. Mrs. Novak is an artist who received her M.F.A. from the University of Iowa and at one time studied under Oskar Kokoschka in Austria. Check the bulletin boards for a detailed schedule of their lectures.

SGA Ideas

During the last week in November, Student Council held an open forum to inform the students of the pros and cons of changing our present semester system. After both sides were very adequately presented, a hand vote was taken to determine the personal preference of those students present. About 40 students expressed an opinion against changing the system at that time; about 15 were for a change; and about 20 were still undecided or had no preference.

However, the results of a recent survey of the student body indicated a somewhat opposite reaction. The survey which was completed by both students and faculty, yielded 93 votes in favor of adopting a semester system other than what we now have; 28 votes were not in favor of a change; and 5 were undecided.

Of those in favor of the change 72% favored the first semester dates of approximately August 30 - December 16, and the second semester dates of January 6 - May 10. Ten percent favored the above first semester dates but desired second semester from January 30 - May 27 with a combined Christmas vacation and semester break. Ten percent expressed a third alternative varying from a first semester from September 6 - December 20 with no Thanksgiving vacation to a trimester system.

Of those who voted against the change several felt that there would be too much pressure if exams were before Christmas. Others felt that vacations, as presently scheduled, are at convenient times and seem best to fit the needs of the majority of students, the social activities, summer school, and job opportunities. Others felt that a long winter vacation or getting out early in May would be boring since friends would still be in school. Some faculty members were concerned because various summer institutes are not over by August 30.

In general, however, the majority of the surveys indicated that the proposed change in the semester system certainly has merit and that possibly such a change could be initiated on a trial basis.

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Who says fathers can't dance? Well, fathers of Avila students certainly can. In fact, everyone did their share of dancing at the Father-Daughter Dance; and between dances fathers had a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted. The dance was held Saturday, February 25, at 7 p.m. in Marian Center. The Student Government Association acquired the Bob Murry Band to provide the music for the dancing which followed a delicious buffet-style dinner.

With The Clubs

The National Association of Social Workers has asked its members to contribute social work books and periodicals to the Sociology Club of Avila to add to the Dorothy Gallagher special library. It was created in tribute to Miss Gallagher, a former instructor of sociology at the College of St. Teresa and Executive Director of Guadalupe Center for many years. Books and journals have been donated by Mrs. Arlow V. Ferry, Mrs. Willa Lee, Paul W. Jacobs, Foster Earl, consultant of the Regional Office of the Childrens Bureau, Mrs. Mildred L. Richardson, and Miss Dorothy Gallagher.

Pi Delta Phi, the French honor society, initiated four new members into its ranks Sunday, February 19. The new members are: Bridget Leonard, Rita Martin, Shirley Spiegel, and Carol Stapleton.

Sunday, March 5, Pi Delta Phi presented adaptations from "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery in play form.

Golden Echo Gets Underway

The news is out! For those of you who were wondering whether or not the Golden Echo would be published this spring - it will. The 1967 staff of the literary magazine was recently announced and met in official session with their moderator, Sister Martha Mary, on Friday, February 24.

This year's editor is Diane Pinkley who also held the post on the 1966 Golden Echo. Assistant editor is Pat Bartholome; and art editor is Mary Jo Javorek who also held the same position last year.

Along with literary consultants and talent scouts, the staff hopes to compile an excellent magazine. Some changes in size, layout, and general format are being considered and the results should be interesting. No definite circulation date has been set, but the Golden Echo should be out some time during the month of April.

Discovery On Sale

Works by a number of Kansas City area writers and artists will appear in the first issue of FINE ARTS DISCOVERY, on sale in bookstores since February 29. The quarterly, non-profit, national fine arts magazine is also available by subscription, and will be on display in college and public libraries throughout the country.

The first issue of the full size 48-page magazine is available in the Avila Bookstore. The price is \$1 per copy.

Among the writers whose works appear in this issue is Diane Pinkley, a junior at Avila, who will have a poem published.

Subscriptions continue to be honored for the first issue at \$4 a year. Write to DISCOVERY, P. O. Box 4193, Kansas City, Missouri 64113.

New Math Teacher



The COLLEGIAN would like to welcome Sister Jeanne Alice, C.S.J. to the Avila campus as a member of the mathematics staff. Sister has just returned from Notre Dame University where she completed work on her doctorate. Previous to her graduate studies Sister taught four years in the St. Louis area, two years in Peoria, Illinois, and two years in Chicago.

Admittedly happy to be teaching again after several years of study, Sister Jeanne Alice now teaches Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics, Statistics, and Calculus, and seems quite satisfied with her classes.

Dear Editor:

This letter is written in defense of us members of the student body who are not crusaders in any sense of the word and who prefer to lead our own lives. There has been a great deal of discussion about student participation since I came to this campus in 1964. Considering that it is now 1967, I would dare to say that the faculty and the crusading members of the student body certainly need some stimulation off campus since any three year dialogue tends to be rather boring.

Now as to these lives of our own that we prefer to lead, perhaps it would enlighten a few people if they were to see the schedule of one of us apathetic members of the campus.

We average, apathetic students must work a minimum of 20 hours per week in order to maintain ourselves; this maintenance includes not only tuition and books but clothing, car upkeep or ride expenses, lunches, etc. Contrary to popular belief, the average college student does not receive an "allowance" from her family.

The above estimate is just a minimum. Some of us have carried 19 hours a semester and still worked 30 hours per week while maintaining a 2.0 average. Now I propose that after a schedule like this we are entitled to a little apathy or relaxation (whichever term you prefer) if we want it. As for the students who carry schedules like this and still want to participate in all the school functions, I say more power to them. Personally, I've had three cases of Mono too many to risk it!

Another point I will mention but prefer not to pursue publicly is that since the schedule of this school seems to be built around the activities of dorm students and part-time students, let them be accused of apathy, not me.

A Day Hop

Editor's Note: The staff of the COLLEGIAN feels that it is our responsibility to print all letters to the editor we receive. We view this column as one of the best opportunities given to the student body to express their ideas and opinions. We make only one stipulation - that all letters be signed by the person writing them. Although her name need not be printed when the letter is published, the staff feels that each individual should stand by her convictions with her signature. Anonymous letters will not be accepted.

SGA: CRITICISM OR EVALUATION?

During the past week (February 20 - 25) a series of events took place which culminated in an SGA evaluation meeting, Sunday, February 26. The time seems appropriate, therefore, for the COLLEGIAN to take a close look at the concept of student government, especially as it operates on the Avila campus.

About two weeks ago, we received an anonymous letter to the editor which showed vehement dissatisfaction with the workings of the SGA. A series of questions were posed and statements made criticizing the SGA's effectiveness along with that of KCRCHE and NFCCS. It is not the policy of the COLLEGIAN to print anonymous letters (see Editor's Note, Letters to the Editor). Suffice it to say that the ultimate expression of the letter was one of challenge. The last sentence read: "Therefore, Avila Student Council, I challenge you to come ALIVE in the fleeting moments of the school year."

It seems to us that the time has come to evaluate the role of SGA on our campus. This was the advertised purpose of the Sunday afternoon meeting. Unfortunately the meeting never came to grips with any evaluating of anything. The announced topics for discussion turned out to be faculty and administration responsibility to the students and student responsibility (to what was never quite clear).

The discussion took a different turn; however. The big word was apathy, AGAIN. Someone suggested the statistics that 90% of the student body is apathetic, and there ensued a discussion in which these proposed statistics were treated as substantiated fact. Another student made a plea for a definition of apathy, as if it were really necessary. The meeting eventually degenerated into an airing of personal gripes.

The point we wish to make is that an evaluation is necessary, a REAL evaluation. If and when this evaluation is made, we would suggest that it be done in an organized manner and according to a point-by-point discussion of the past year's work of our present SGA.

The editorial staff of the COLLEGIAN wish to suggest the following as a general statement of purpose for student government: To be the effective communications link between faculty-administration and the student body. It is the job of student government to be an initiative, investigative, and expressive assembly of the students. Student government should initiate and coordinate activities, investigate student charges and dissatisfaction, and carry these problems, suggestions, and opinions to the administration and/or faculty as a representative expression of the student voice. It is not the purpose of student government to "run the school."

On our own campus, it is interesting to note that of the changes made in the constitution of the SGA which is generally revised and studied each year, the purposes of the organization always seem to come up for revision. It is true again this year. And it seems to us that the proposed revisions are indeed worthwhile.

No organization ever reaches a point of ultimate perfection. No progress can be effected without change. We think the SGA has worked hard this year for progressively more effectiveness. Plain ole criticism doesn't get anything done. It is only when the critics have workable solutions that they are of value.

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MARCH CALENDAR

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| Mar. 8 - Film: THE BICYCLE THIEF, 8 p.m., room 101-201, O'Rielly Hall.
Junior Class Book Sale in Marian Center from 8:30 - 3:30. | Mar. 16 - Jubilee dinner, 7:30 p.m., Marian Center. Guest speaker: Michael Novak. |
| Mar. 12 - Jubilee Dinner honoring the officers of the Avila Alumnae Association, 6 p.m., Marian Center.
Nursing Student recruitment with tea and tour from 2:00 - 4:00. | Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day. |
| Mar. 13 - SGA Elections. | Mar. 19 - Reception from 2:00 - 4:00 honoring the Silver Jubilees of Sr. Marie Georgette, Sr. Ann Dominic, and Sr. Mary Laurent. |
| Mar. 15 - Convocation, 1 p.m. Muntzel Assembly Room.
Guest lectures: Michael and Karen Novak. | Mar. 20 - SGA Elections. |
| | Mar. 22 - Senior Comprehensives. |
| | Mar. 23 - Easter Vacation begins. |
| | Mar. 24 - Good Friday. |
| | Mar. 26 - Easter Sunday. |
| | Mar. 29 - Classes resume. |

The Fifth Column

(The COLLEGIAN staff announces with regret the resignation of Fifth Columnist Ann Linton. This issue's Fifth Column has been guest-ghosted to protect the identity of the entire staff.)

On February 29, the president of Avila College announced the purchase of a television station in England. Designed by Christopher Owl in 1929, the station is being dismantled and shipped to the campus, where it will be restored stone by stone and readied for operation March 15. The program schedule appearing below may be consulted for highlights of the spring viewing season.

AVILA MOVIE TIME: A PLACE IN THE LAKE. Teddy Dreiser's novel brought to the screen. Ambitious young factory worker goes boating. Stars Rip Taff and Margot Torn.

MARRIAGE CLINIC OF THE AIR. Divorced couples recreate the conditions leading to their separation. Commentary by Dr. Benta Pretzel.

AMERICAN SPORTS ANIMAL. Famous animals track down and kill celebrities. This week: Lassie, armed with only a 250mm Army surplus howitzer, destroys Los Angeles County.

AVILA HALL OF FAME - DRAMA. THE SCARLET SWEATER. Beautiful wild thing Hester Chester leaves her career as a seamstress to join the Amherst pep squad. Hester: Cathy McCormack.

SUNSET SEMESTER - CHEMISTRY. In the third of the "Chemistry is Fun Fun Fun" series, Sister John Brendan explains the molecular structure of amino acids. Cartoons.

SWELL TELEGRAM HOUR. Sister de LaSalle and George Romney direct the Avila Glee Club and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in a performance of A. Strecker's cantata, "Yes, We Have No Bandannas." Soloists: Diane D. Lapidary, Karen Suthermetz.

ANIMAL SECRETS. Naturalist Richard Nixon narrates this three-hour documentary on the vagaries of the hummingbird. Special section dealing with its peculiar ability to dart from side to side without appearing to alter its upright stance. A ruby-throat is seen waiting in the wings.

MISSION CLUB: IMPOSSIBLE - Suspense. Agent Sister Ann Dominic receives secret orders to infiltrate the student body. Her only disguise: a spaghetti dinner and a long black dress.

CHILDREN'S HOUR. Uncle Lyndon reads selections from "Bobby Swifty and His Electrical Dove." Concluding chapter of Clinty Rossiter's "True Love and the Gallup Poll." Children in the audience join Uncle Lyndon in his famous Pie in the Sky Hunt on the White House grounds. (Ed. Note: Final show of the season. Next week: LAST ROUNDUP starring Tex Goldwater and Boots Hayden. Hayden performs his well-known sleeping act.)

LE CORDON BLAH - Cooking. Glurry Madden is guest chef. Reveals his secret of cooking for small, intimate groups. Winner of "Name the Mystery Meat Contest" is announced.

BOOK REVIEW. Sister Olive Louise reads selections from Jackie Greenergrass' Pulloutzer Prize-winning novel, HOW TO STAY SECULAR THOUGH CONSECRATED OR, I HUNG UP MY HANG-UP.



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